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## **Press Release:**

## Wauwatosa Man Pleads Guilty to Income Tax Fraud

Acting United States Attorney Michelle L. Jacobs for the Eastern District of Wisconsin announced today that Michael Feker (DOB: xx/xx/1962), of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty to one count of filing a false federal income tax return and one count of structuring financial transactions to avoid currency transaction reports.

According to documents filed in federal court, Feker is the owner and operator of Il Mito Restaurant in Wauwatosa. Based on his guilty pleas, Feker faces a maximum possible penalty of up to eight years' imprisonment and fines of up to \$500,000, or both. U.S. District Judge Lynn S. Adelman has scheduled Feker's sentencing for October 9, 2009.

In the plea agreement, the parties have agreed that by filing false tax returns, Feker under reported his income for the years 2001-2003 and 2005 by approximately \$176,000. This resulted in a under reporting of his taxes for those years of approximately \$22,000. Feker also acknowledged that in December 2002, he obtained \$73,000 in currency from his father who had passed away. During the following 12 months, Feker deposited approximately \$37,000 from these funds into various bank accounts he maintained and that he structured his deposits by limiting the individual deposits to amounts less than \$10,000 to avoid the filing of currency transaction reports by the banks with the IRS. In addition, Feker has agreed to forfeit to the United States approximately \$37,000 representing the funds involved in the structuring offense.

This case was investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Matthew L. Jacobs.

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